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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ ON PRESIDENT'S
VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. PRIOR TO RETURNING TO WASHINGTON APRIL 20,
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR
TO US DINITZ, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT
WHICH HE MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS ON PRESIDENTS VISIT TO ISRAEL
AND OTHER MIDDLE EAST TOPICS.

2. NIXON VISIT. DINITZ SAID THAT VISIT OF PRESIDENT TO ISRAEL HAD
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RESULTED IN PROMISES OF INCREASED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID AN

AT FASTER RATE THAN IN PAST. VISIT HAD GIVEN GOI AND USG OPPORTUNITY TO SUM UP WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN PAST AND TO LAY DOWN PRINCIPLES AND FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTIONS. FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, VISIT HAD BEEN GREAT SUCCESS. ISRAEL HAD COME OUT OF VISIT IN STRONGER POSITION, DUE TO PROCUREMENT PROMISES FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND HELP IN STRENGTHENING ITS ECONOMY. THIS WOULD HAVE AHRDLY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND AT SUCH AN ACCELERATED PACE WITHOUT PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

3. US-ARAB RAPPROCHEMENT. DINITZ SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF US INTENETION TO "SELL ISRAEL DOWN THE RIVER." NEVERTHELESS, ISRAEL MUST WATCH FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY: "ISRAEL MUST SEE OT IT THAT US MIDDLE EAST POLICY WILL NOT BE AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE. IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO US AND PROMISED US THAT IT WILL NOT."

4. US ARMS SALES TO EGYPT AND SYRIA. DINITZ SAID USG HAD ASSURED ISRAEL THAT IT WILL NOT ENTER INTO ARMS DEALS WITH EGYPT AND SYRIA BEFORE THOSE COUNTRIES ALTER THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL. PRESS REPORTS ABOUT SUCH ARMS DEALS WERE FALSE" AS FAR AS ISRAEL KNOWS." DINITZ WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS CLEAR BOTH TO US AND O ISRAEL THAT ANY STEPS TOWARDS PEACE IN ME INVOLVED CERTAIN RISKS ON ISRAEL'S PART,BUT THAT STEPS TAKEN THUS FAR HAD PROVEN ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED.

5. PALESTINIAN ISSUE. ON SUBJECT OF US ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINIAN QUESTION DINITZ SAID ONE SHOULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WHAT IS SAID FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES AND WAY US DEALS POLITICALLY WITH PROBLEM. THERE HAD BEEN A FEW STATEMENTS BY USG, NOT SERIOUS FROM ISRAEL'S VIEWPOINT, AGAINST BACKDROP OF RECENT CAIRO CONFERENCE AND TERRORIST OPERATIONS, BUT SECRETARY HAD MADE US POSITION EMINENTLY CLEAR DURING HIS JUNE 17 PRESS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM: USG STILL THOUGHT PROBLEM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH THROUGH JORDAN. THAT WAS ALSO ISRAEL'S POSITON.

6. FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. TALKS IN GENEVA AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARAB STATES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE US AID PROGRAM GETS GOING AND BEFORE STABILITY OF EXISTING DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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